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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Office of the Governor
California State Capitol
Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is proud to join with other states and regions around the world in endorsing the Subnational Global Climate Leadership Memorandum of Understanding (Under2MOU) as part of our commitment to addressing greenhouse gas and other pollutants contributing to climate change. This critical document demonstrates our support of the ongoing efforts, domestic and abroad, to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address global climate change.

The Commonwealth is working to meet the goals of the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25 percent from 1990 levels by 2020 and 80 percent by 2050. Additionally, Massachusetts is an active participant in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Between 2005-2014, Massachusetts and its RGGI state partners have seen power sector carbon pollution decrease by more than 40 percent, while reducing energy bills, preserving electricity system reliability and creating local jobs and economic growth. Massachusetts has active and ongoing legislative and programmatic efforts to promote greater use of renewable energy resources, such as hydropower, solar and wind. The Commonwealth is also a member of the Multi-State Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Task Force and has signed on as a founding participant of the International ZEV Alliance, both which seek to promote the use of zero-emission and alternative-technology vehicles.

The Under2MOU is a unified effort to enable the use of renewable energy technologies to reduce pollution levels and limit greenhouse gas emissions to below 2 metric tons per capita by 2050. Massachusetts stands with the nations, regions, states, districts and municipalities across the globe who have endorsed to this important effort.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Baker".

Charles D. Baker
Governor

cc: Laura Carr, California Governor's Office